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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2499

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 3949

FOR AF/C

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG

SUBJECT: BISENGIMANA ASKS GERMANS FOR MONEY?

1. DIRECTOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE BISENGIMANA HAS BEEN TRYING FOR SOME TIME TO ROUND UP A LARGE LOAN FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES. REPORTS HAVE HIM DEALING WITH SHADY INTERMEDIARIES, AND THE FRENCH AND THE ARABS. NONE OF THESE HAS PANNED OUT. THE LATEST RUMOR HAD BIBI LOOKING FOR MONEY IN BONN, AND WHEN HE LEFT THE COUNTRY OVER THE WEEKEND OF MAY 3-4, THE GERMAN CONNECTION BEGAN TO LOOK MORE SOLID.

2. GERMAN EMBASSY SOURCES HERE, HOWEVER, TELL A DIFFERENT STORY. IT SEEMS THAT BISENGIMANA ASKED FOR A VISA ON MAY 3, GIVING ONLY A FEW HOURS NOTICE. NO, HE HAD NO SPECIAL PLANS AND DID NOT REQUIRE HELP IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS. THEN HE SHOWED UP IN BONN ON MAY 5, ASKED TO SEE THE CHANCELLOR AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON A MOMENTS NOTICE AND PROCEEDED TO ASK FOR A LOAN OF "BETWEEN \$800 MILLION AND \$1.4 BILLION"\* THE GERMAN EMBASSY HERE SWEARS THAT BIBI'S TRIP CAME AS A SURPRISE AND THAT THE FRG TOLD HIM THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE  
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TO HELP.

3. POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS: (A) BIBI IN FACT TRIED  
AND FAILED, (B) OUR GERMAN COLLEAGUES LIED TO US  
AND SIGNIFICANT GERMANY GOVERNMENT MONEY IS ON THE WAY  
(UNLIKELY) OR (C) BIBI'S REAL CONTACTS WERE PRIVATE SOURCES  
IN GERMANY AND HE TRIED THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ON AN  
OFF CHANCE. WE LIKE THE LAST SPECULATION, SINCE THE  
PATTERN THUS FAR HAS BEEN TO TRY FOR ARAB MONEY  
THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES.  
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